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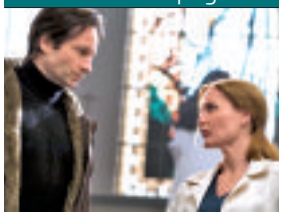
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Paul Dixon, a mechanic at Ideal Bikes, pulls off a stunt on Barrington Street. The Ecology Action Centre hopes more people take up biking for transportation.

Kicking the car habit

Ecology Action Centre unveils plan for alternative transportation

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Here's hoping it's just a coincidence an environment press conference yesterday was interrupted by an announcement about the Titanic exhibit.

But maybe some higher power, or the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic announcement guy, was trying to make a point.

Meanwhile, the Ecology Action Centre was making a point of its own — Nova Scotia needs to wean itself off cars. The centre released its green mobility strategy, which gives eight suggestions on how to do that.

"For the past 60 to 70 years our cities have been designed around the automobile," said strategy co-author Laena Garrison.

"We can no longer rely upon automobiles for our usual transportation. It's no longer environmentally, socially or economically sustainable."

The plan calls for centralizing the population in accessible areas, while funding public transit and alternative ways to get around.

"We need public transit, cycling and walking trails, maybe even rail," said Garrison.

One of the speakers, Wolfville Coun. Bill Zimmerman, said such large-scale shifts in society take a generation to complete. He argued the government needs to invest in the plan right away to ingrain the changes in society.

"Buses are running every half-hour or hour. We need them to be running every 15 minutes," he said. "That's how we get people like lawyers to ride the bus. Because when time is money, they won't wait a half-hour or an hour."

The report received funding from both the federal and provincial governments, and about 260 people took part in public consultations that helped form the suggestions.

Environment and Labour Minister Mark Parent praised the report, noting the health benefits of biking and walking, and the need for relief from high gas prices.

"The end of cheap fossil fuel is upon us, and this will cause changes in where we live," he said.

Green mobility strategy recommendations

1. **Money:** Create an annual, predictable source of sustainable transportation funding.
2. **Steward:** Identify a provincial department to be the steward of sustainable transportation
3. **Measure:** Establish indicators for annually measuring progress toward sustainable transportation
4. **Network:** Create a sustainable transportation network
5. **Policy:** Integrate land-use planning into N.S. policy to achieve transportation energy efficiency
6. **Awareness:** Increase public awareness about sustainable transportation
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Good eats, good cause
Chow down for a cause: Bandage International, which brings medical professionals to Belize, is holding a steak and lobster fundraiser tonight at the Saint Mary's Boat Club. The suggested donation is $50. METRO HALIFAX

Local



Province, union enter Pride floats

The province and its union, the NSGEU, will enter their first Pride Parade float Saturday, with a 50s theme. The parade, which is in its 20th year begins at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of Cornwallis and Upper Water streets; it'll head down Barrington Street and up Spring Garden Road.
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Digby group rallies in HRM

Accuses police of racism

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Rev. Michael Alden Fells of Digby will travel to Halifax with his son and a dozen or so supporters next Tuesday to protest by the Gottingen Street Halifax Regional Police station.

Fells's son Nathaniel Fells, 19, and his friend William Drummond, 20, allege a group of Halifax Regional Police officers, along with some Digby police officers, started a fight with them on Tuesday night in downtown Digby.

They say the officers confronted them and hurled racial slurs and insults at the two young black men.

Halifax Regional Police acknowledge that five or six of their officers were involved in an altercation that night in Digby, but they've started an internal investigation into what role the officers played.

The major crime unit of the RCMP is also investigating the incident and the Halifax and Digby officers who were involved.

Fells said he's tried to do everything he can to get help in this situation and has even written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The Halifax police department has stated Fells and Drummond have never filed a formal complaint against any of their officers.

So that's what they intend to do in Halifax, Fells said, adding they will also protest in front of the police station for what they believe was racist and criminal behaviour.

Both Jeff Carr with the Halifax Regional Police and RCMP's Joe Taplin said investigations are ongoing.

Tunes at Noon **Myles away in song**



ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

Folk singer David Myles treated a small audience to one of the city's Tunes at Noon free concerts in Grand Parade Square yesterday.

Crime

Police nab suspect in bank robbery

CHASE Police have made an arrest in relation to Wednesday's bank robbery on Spring Garden Road.

The Scotiabank was robbed by a man who showed a gun, then left with the cash.

Yesterday afternoon police recognized a man from the description of the suspect. He was riding in a van on Portland Street, but took off on foot when the van stopped at an intersection. Officers chased him down and charged the 26-year-old man with robbery.
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News in brief

STOLEN As police responded to a hold-up alarm at a Dartmouth business yesterday, they noticed a van take off in a hurry. Police pursued it, but gave up the chase when the van picked up speed. Not long after, the van went out of control on Chrichton Avenue and struck a power pole at the intersection of Hawthorne Street. Three people ran off, but cops tracked two suspects. Police say the van was stolen but the alarm at the business was false and unrelated.

FIGHT A 34-year-old man suffered a head injury yesterday after a fight on North Street. At 6:20 a.m. police were called to a residence on Cragg Avenue where they found the man and arrested two men and a woman. METRO HALIFAX

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Crewmen face porn charges

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Two Filipino crewmen on a container ship that was in the Port of Halifax this week face charges for smuggling child pornography.

Local border services officers arrested two men after discovering child pornography on a pair of laptops Monday.

The men will appear in Dartmouth provincial court for a bail hearing today.

Laurie Gillmore, a spokeswoman for Canada Border Services Agency, says the laptop images were discovered during a routine search.

"One had boys and girls as young as eight or nine years old," Gillmore said. "The second one had girls as young as 12 or 14."

> **"One had [laptop images of] boys and girls as young as eight or nine years old."**
> CBSA spokeswoman Laurie Gillmore

Gillmore said border services officers often perform routine searches of electronic devices like laptops.

"They were looking through the laptop, found the prohibited material and then brought in our investigators," she said.

The men were charged with smuggling prohibited goods under the Customs Act. If convicted, they could be deported and fined up to $1,000.

Halifax regional police are also investigating the seizure and may also lay criminal charges against the men.

"We've sent an investigator to assist them in reviewing the equipment they've seized to determine if there are any grounds for criminal charges," police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said.

The men's ship left port without them.

More evidence needed on fires

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No charges are coming for the forest fires that forced the evacuation of 5,000 people.

Natural Resources have suspects for both the Porters Lake-Lake Echo fire and the Tantallon fire, but they aren't laying charges, said John Mombourquette, director of enforcement with Natural Resources.

"We have a lot of evidence, but the issue becomes one that if we're going to court, we have to have a sense we're reasonably confident we would obtain a conviction," he said.

"At this point, we're not convinced we have that kind of evidence."

But both cases will be kept open because there's still a possibility they could get a tip that would complete their evidence.

"Essentially we're missing some pieces of the puzzle to be able to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law," said Mombourquette

He wouldn't elaborate on how many suspects there are because of the ongoing investigation, but he did say they're not looking for anyone else.

But he did say the fires, which destroyed two homes on Candy Mountain Road in June, were not connected and are not considered arson.

"Both fires were set intentionally. The fact that they got out of control and turned into the fires they were was unintentional," Mombourquette said.

Areas and costs

Porters Lake/Lake Echo Fire

- over 1,900 hectares burned
- costs are still being tabulated, but the aircraft costs alone are estimated between $400,000 and $500,000.

Tantallon Fire

- 45.5 hectares burned
- it cost $85,000 to put out

Gas price regulation up for review

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AT THE PUMP Gas prices today are likely somewhere between six and 10 cents less per litre than they were yesterday.

For the third week in a row, Nova Scotians have seen slight drops in the price of fuel.

Service Nova Scotia Minister Jamie Muir said yesterday that gas price regulation has been good for Nova Scotia.

But just to make sure, the province will soon begin a second review of the price regulation policy since it was put in place in 2006.

The department is ready to put out a request for proposals for the review and hopes to have a report back by October.

He said they'll be looking for a few things from the review: "Is regulation the most appropriate way to deal with gasoline and diesel prices in Nova Scotia?" for example.

He said so far it has increased stability, especially during such volatile times, and it has protected small retailers.

Gypsum workers face removal

BLOCKADE Workers blockading the Federal Gypsum plant in Point Tupper could be removed by police, said a company representative.

Tammy Kemp, director of risk and compliance for Century Services, Federal Gypsum's creditor, described her options as limited if workers continued to refuse to take down the blockade or to negotiate.

Wednesday was the second day in a row that the workers, who are owed about four weeks' back wages, staged the blockade. They are concerned that if remaining wallboard is allowed to ship, they will never see money they are owed. METRO HALIFAX



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Barry House staff members Terra Simpkins and Robyn Forrestall move boxes into the new, temporary location of the women's homeless shelter on Wellington Street in Halifax. The shelter's permanent home on Gottingen Street was completely destroyed by arson in May.

Sentencing of homeless shelter arsonist adjourned for background investigation

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A woman who admitted to burning down a Halifax homeless shelter may be sentenced as a dangerous offender.

A judge adjourned the sentencing of 31-year-old Kirsten Overton yesterday after the Crown requested more time to look into other matters in the United States and two other provinces.

Overton pleaded guilty to a charge of arson for setting a May 16 blaze at Barry House, a women's homeless shelter on Gottingen Street.

> **"There's certainly some very, very disturbing matters raised in the presentence report."**
> Judge Barbara Beach

No one was injured in the fire, but the shelter was completely gutted.

Overton's lawyer requested her client be sentenced yesterday, but Judge Barbara Beach granted Crown attorney Ron Lacey's application for more time to explore Overton's past.

"There's certainly some very, very disturbing matters raised in the presentence report," Beach said.

Overton was remanded in custody. Her sentencing date will be set on Aug. 19.

A person may be designated a dangerous offender if it's shown there is a high risk for committing future violent offences.

Barry House associate house director Terra Simpkins said outside court that she's pleased the Crown is reviewing that possibility.

"Certainly the act was dangerous and there were many lives that could've been compromised in that event," Simpkins said.

Damages to Barry House are in the $300,000 range and are fortunately covered by insurance. Run by the St. Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia, the shelter is expected to reopen by Christmas.

Meanwhile, a new temporary women's shelter opens today in south end Halifax at 1050 Wellington Street.

"Donations are always appreciated," Simpkins said. The shelter is looking for personal care items like clothes, shampoo and razors.

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News in brief

TOURISM Despite rising fuel costs, the majority of tourism operators in central Nova Scotia have a positive outlook for the summer season. Joyce Mingo, executive director of the Central Nova Tourist Association, said it is hard to pinpoint overall gains or losses because some operators are seeing an increase in business while others are experiencing a significant decline in visitor numbers. "I find people are very positive about it, and when I talk to operators, a lot of people are saying it compares to last year," she said.

CAPE BRETON AWARD Sandra MacDonald was brimming with pride in Cape Breton as she travelled to New York for a ceremony today at which Travel + Leisure magazine will hand out its 2008 World's Best Awards. The awards, based on a survey of the magazine's readers, includes one for Cape Breton, which was named the best island to visit in the continental U.S. and Canada. MacDonald, general manager of Destination Cape Breton, joined a delegation that travelled to the ceremony. METRO HALIFAX

Board gets balanced budget
The province is giving $500,000 to the Tri-County Regional School Board so it can balance its budget. The board handles schools in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby counties. METRO HALIFAX

Hunting seals saves groundfish: Minister

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At the same time the European Union is looking to cut the import of seal products with proposed new regulations, Nova Scotia wants to expand its commercial seal hunt.

Currently the quota for the harvest of grey seals in the province is 12,000 per year.

But Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Ron Chisholm said yesterday he's looking to double that amount.

"The fishermen feel around a 20,000 to 25,000 per year quota would level out the seal population over a certain period of time," he said.

The seal population has grown by about 75 per cent over the past 15 or 16 years since the province's moratorium on groundfish harvesting was put in place, he said.

And the fish stocks aren't recovering because the seals are eating too many, he said.

But Sheryl Fink, a researcher with the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said there's no scientific research to support that claim.

"I'm not aware of any science that actually shows that killing more seals would have a demonstrable effect on any ground fish stock in Atlantic Canada," she said.

Chisholm said the province has continuing conversations with the federal government about expanding the seal harvest in Nova Scotia.

He said even Sable Island should be considered for the hunt, but since it's a wilderness protected area the feds may not agree.

Chisholm said he hopes the EU recognizes sealers in Canada harvest seals in a humane and responsible way and their products should be exempt from the proposed regulations to ban seal products resulting from cruel, inhumane killing.

Manageable level

- Liberal fisheries critic Harold Theriault said he agrees with Chisholm about expanding the seal harvest in Nova Scotia. "If we don't harvest these seals down to a manageable level, nature's going to wipe them out," he said. But Sheryl Fink with IFAW, said that's simply not the case.

News in brief

POWER Geothermal energy is not just something that comes from the abandoned coalmines in Springhill. Ralph Ross of Ross Refrigeration has partially completed a project to install a closed-loop geothermal system at the former Jerry's Ltd. building that will soon house Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre on Elmwood Drive in Amherst "This is something that has never been done before in this community. It's the first of its kind here," Ross said while watching workers place a trio of wells behind the building. Ross has worked with geothermal power for about 35 years in and around Springhill.

HARVEST Two Colchester County strawberry producers say it's been a good year as the end of the strawberry season draws closer. Curtis Millen in Great Village and Onslow's Jim Lorraine both expect the season will close soon. "We're getting down to days," Millen said Wednesday. "We're winding it up," Lorraine said. "It's been a great season. We've had the best season we ever had." He said he had Jamaicans weed his crop last year, resulting in a bumper season. "This year we had tremendous crops," he said. "The weather certainly has co-operated with us." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Tips for avoiding West Nile virus

Worried about West Nile virus? Wear light-coloured clothing and use insect repellent with DEET, says the provincial Health Promotion and Protection department. There has not yet been a case of West Nile virus acquired here. METRO HALIFAX

Local/Canada

Maritime Museum **Historical painting donated**



LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

Robert Kearns of Toronto donated a painting related to the history African Nova Scotians yesterday at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The watercolour painting depicts a monumental moment in 1792, when Africans freed from North American slavery arrived in Sierra Leone aboard vessels from Nova Scotia.

Province attracting more immigrants

Report indicates a 77% increase since '02

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Even with the failed mentorship program, immigrants are still choosing to call Nova Scotia home.

A study released by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council yesterday shows 2,523 immigrants landed in Nova Scotia in 2007. That's an increase of 77 per cent since 2002.

Not bad considering the business mentorship program failed hundreds of immigrants who paid thousands of dollars for placements and didn't receive the work experience they were promised.

David Chaundy, an APEC senior economist, said the business mentorship program had some — but not much — effect on immigration numbers.

"It honestly reduces the total, you still get this overall increase in immigration and you still have the nominee program playing an important role."

The provincial nominee program in general was credited for 74 per cent of the bump in immigration.

Immigrants are coming here, but retaining them in Atlantic Canada has always been a problem. Len Goucher, minister of immigration, said Nova Scotia's retention rate is around 63 per cent.

"I think from the standpoint of retention, Nova Scotia is doing really well. Our target is 70 per cent by 2010," he told reporters yesterday.

The province just released the documents the Auditor General asked for to examine the mentorship program debacle.

Goucher said they'll wait for the second part of the Auditor General's report — expected by September — before they introduce the new and improved economic stream of the nominee program.

"We want to make sure the next time we do it, we do it right and it's going to be a successful program. I think the Auditor General's report hopefully will help us along that line."

Also refunds are still in the works. Goucher said there are 203 immigrants who may be eligible for refunds.

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The APEC Report:

- Nova Scotia accounted for about 1.1 per cent of total immigration to Canada in 2007.
- 863 provincial nominees landed in the province in 2006, which was 33 per cent of all immigrants.
- There were 2,532 immigrants to Nova Scotia in 2007, which is an increase of 77 per cent since 2002.
- There were 5,700 immigrants to the Atlantic Canada region in 2007 — the highest level since 1974.
- Immigration in Atlantic Canada has doubled since 2002, mostly because of provincial nominee programs.
- The biggest increase in immigration was in P.E.I. where 986 immigrants came to the province in 2007, which is a nine-fold increase since 2002.

Baird touts climate plan

Federal Environment Minister John Baird says that Ottawa is still going to be tougher at cutting greenhouse gases than the provinces are, even with the strong cap-and-trade plan now endorsed by Ontario, British Columbia, Quebec and Manitoba.

"You'll find that the national numbers will call for greater reductions than the provincial numbers," Baird told Torstar yesterday after taking a look at the draft cap-and-trade details released this week under the so-called Western Climate Initiative, which Ontario is now backing.

"What are their numbers? What sort of a reduction are they seeking over what emissions are today?"

The Western Climate Initiative is a product of environmental co-operation among seven states and four Canadian provinces.

This week, the WCI unveiled more details of how the cross-border plan would work to cap and trade emissions. Basically, it proposes to set a hard cap in advance of each year from 2012 to 2020, but it also allows businesses that can't meet their cap targets to buy emission "credits" from cleaner firms. The intent of cap-and-trade plans is to encourage efficiency and conservation by rewarding industries that get below the cap and adding costs to high polluters.

The draft plan is still open for public review and it won't be finalized until September.

Baird says he endorses the provincial effort to cut emissions, but he remains in the dark about whether this system will yield the 20 per cent cut in emissions by 2020 that is promised under Prime Minister Stephen Harper's federal plan.

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Dion's take

- Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, who is out this summer pushing for a carbon-tax proposal, has said this week that he has no objections to the cap-and-trade system that seems to be finding favour in the United States. He just believes it won't cut emissions as quickly as a carbon-pricing regime.

Strike **Gravediggers off the job**



LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mount Pleasant Cemetery worker Frank Miele walks the picket line in Toronto yesterday. 230 unionized gravediggers went on strike at nine cemeteries across southern Ontario. The union is asking for adequate training, more full-time hires, full health benefits after retirement and a halt to spraying pesticides.

High oil prices masking economic woes: Expert

RECESSION Oil prices will continue falling and dip below $100 a barrel by the end of this year, unmasking an "export recession" in Canada that will result in anemic growth, a government export agency said yesterday.

Export Development Canada forecast export growth this year of 4.2 per cent in terms of value. But that is an artificially pretty picture based entirely on the dramatic surge in oil prices, EDC said in its quarterly Global Export Forecast.

Canada is a net exporter of crude oil and the top energy supplier to the United States.

In April, the EDC forecast 2008 export sales would decline 2 per cent but Peter Hall, vice-president and chief economist at EDC, emphasized that the new forecast, while appearing more bullish, is far from it.

REUTERS

Conservation group buys B.C. land

WILDERNESS A massive area in southeastern B.C. — owned by a German duke who bought the land during the Cold War as a safe haven against the Communists — is becoming a sanctuary for caribou and other threatened species.

The federal government and Nature Conservancy of Canada, a private non-profit conservation organization, are paying $125-million for the land and an endowment fund to protect the 550 square kilometres of wilderness.

The land is situated between the towns of Nelson, Salmo and Creston in the West Kootenay region of British Columbia, a region of lakes, peaks and valleys that conservations have long argued should be protected.

The land had been owned by the Duke of Wuerttemberg since 1967.

The duke wanted a haven in Canada in case the Cold War heated up, said his general manager Christian Schadendorf, who runs Pluto Darkwoods Forestry Corp. The duke's representatives have been negotiating for three years with the NCC to donate and sell his property. donate and sell.

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Move over Europe, US — the future is Asia, India says
The future of manufacturing is in low-cost youthful Asian economies, and the United States and Europe should abandon ideas of propping up uncompetitive industries, India's trade minister Kamal Nath said yesterday during World Trade Organization talks. REUTERS

World/Business

Obama courts Europe's support

U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama urged Europe to stand by the United States in stabilizing Afghanistan in a speech to over 200,000 in Berlin that stressed the need for unity in the face of new threats.

Speaking at the Victory Column in the central Tiergarten park yesterday, the Democratic senator said America had no better partner than Europe but cautioned both sides against turning inward.

"I recognize the enormous difficulties in Afghanistan," Obama said. "But my country and yours have a stake in seeing that NATO's first mission beyond Europe's borders is a success. For the people of Afghanistan, and for our shared security, the work must be done. America cannot do this alone."


TOMAS SCHWAB/REUTERS

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama makes a speech to nearly 200,000 Germans in Berlin yesterday.

Rock star greeting

Obama has aimed to dispel that notion he lacks the foreign affairs seasoning to serve as commander-in-chief with a seven-nation tour this week that has taken him to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, Israel and Germany, where he received a rockstar welcome.

Obama is popular in Europe partly because he opposed the Iraq war but he is now pledging to shift the focus to Afghanistan, which is likely to mean more demands on Germany. REUTERS

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Mosley awarded damages

INTRUSION CASE Motor racing chief Max Mosley won damages in a British court yesterday when a judge ruled a tabloid newspaper had violated his privacy by publishing details of his part in a sado-masochistic orgy.


Max Mosley

Mosley, president of Formula One's governing body, did not deny taking part in the German-themed sex session with five prostitutes, but said his privacy was violated by The News of the World's reporting of it. The judge awarded Mosley 60,000 pounds in damages and said the newspaper should pay his legal costs — estimated at 450,000 pounds. The case carried the potential to set a new benchmark for privacy, deterring the media from excessive intrusion. REUTERS

McCain takes shot at Obama

FOREIGN POLICY Republican John McCain said yesterday he would like to give a speech in Germany as U.S. president not as a White House candidate, taking a swipe at rival Barack Obama while the Democrat gave a major address in Berlin.


John McCain

"I'd love to give a speech in Germany ... a political speech or a speech that maybe the German people would be interested in, but I'd much prefer to do it as president of the United States rather than as a candidate ... for the office of presidency," McCain said.

Standing in front of a store in a neighborhood known as German Village, McCain — for whom foreign policy is considered a strength — said he would focus on issues at home while his opponent traveled abroad. REUTERS

News in brief

MEN SURVEYED A survey, by men's lifestyle website AskMen.com, found that 77 percent of respondents look for girlfriends with "wife potential" and 75 percent believe they have a soul mate.

HURRICANE DOLLY Hurricane Dolly, weakened to a tropical depression yesterday but concerns remained over flooding.

RUSSIAN DENIAL Russia denied a newspaper report yesterday it may deploy nuclear-capable bombers in Cuba in retaliation to a planned U.S. missile shield in Europe. REUTERS

Business

Ford thinking small after posting big loss

SLUMP Ford Motor Co. posted a record $8.7 billion US quarterly loss yesterday as it wrote down the value of slumping truck and SUV operations and revamped plans in a bid to break its reliance on the gas-guzzlers that have been its franchise vehicles for a decade.

The second-quarter loss was deeper than analysts had forecast and Ford shares fell by 15 per cent.

In response to the sudden premium on fuel efficiency, the No. 2 U.S. automaker said it would retool truck plants in Michigan and Kentucky to make small cars in addition to a conversion for a Mexican truck plant.

In addition, Ford will bring four small cars to North America, including a Mercury-branded derivative of its popular Focus. It also said it would double its hybrid output in 2009 and double its capacity to make fuel-saving four-cylinder engines by 2011. REUTERS

production cuts

- The collapse in demand for trucks and SUVs since the start of the year forced major automakers, including industry leader Toyota Motor Corp, to cut production.

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

New use for Masonic Hall:
New owner Steve Caryi of Ruby LLP is converting the Masonic Hall at 1533 Barrington St. in Halifax into office space. Now four levels, interior renovations will convert the building to six levels while keeping its historical significance.

Clarke buys more units:
Clarke Inc. has acquired 894,500 units of Supremex Income Fund, bringing its total holdings to 7,410,800 units representing about 25.28 per cent of the total outstanding units of Supremex.

Pride's proud supporters:
A number of Halifax businesses are partnering with Halifax Pride Week. Casino Nova Scotia is listed as a partner. The Marriott Halifax Harbourfront hotel is the community host hotel, and the Deltas Barrington and Halifax are visitor host hotels. The event's website has testimonials from Mike Velemirovich, general manager of Hillcrest Volkswagen, which has provided vehicles and support since 1998, and Theaston White of Convergys Customer Management Canada.

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The **Dartmouth Yacht Club** hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities pursuant to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to Section 9 of the said Act, the **Dartmouth Yacht Club** has deposited with the Minister of Transport Infrastructure and Communities, and in the Land Registration Office, in the County of Halifax, 780 Windmill Road, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia under deposit number **91151549** a description of the following work, its site and plans:

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All of the foregoing are located in Wright's Cove, Bedford Basin, Halifax Harbour, Province of Nova Scotia. The **Dartmouth Yacht Club** itself is located at 697 Windmill Road, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B3B 1B7.

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Doping
An as yet unnamed weightlifter has tested positive for a banned substance, the Greek Weightlifting Federation said. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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IOC bans Iraq from Games

POLITICS Iraq has been banned from the Games because of a government decision to disband the country's National Olympic Committee, a senior official said yesterday.

"This morning we were informed of the final decision of the International Olympic Committee to suspend the membership of the Iraqi Olympic Committee," NOC general secretary Hussein al-Amidi said. "It is a blow to Iraq and its international reputation, its athletes and its youth."

The government of Iraq disbanded the NOC in May because of a dispute over how it had been assembled.

The IOC gave Iraq a deadline to reinstate the committee but the government has refused to back down.

Iraq had planned to send a small team. REUTERS

Monday's lineup

BACK TO BASICS Andrew Russell's biggest step toward the Olympics came five years ago, when he stepped away from his canoe. Pick up Metro on Monday for more.

13 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Freedom of the press?

Journalists feel the pain as officials obsess about possible protests

Will the international media finally enjoy the "complete freedom" Beijing organizers publicly promised on July 12, 2001 — the day before they won the rights to host the 2008 Summer Games?

"We will give the media complete freedom to report when they come to China," Beijing organizing committee vice-president Wang Wei pledged at a press conference then.

But even before these Games have begun, many say that promise has already been broken.

Recently, Human Rights Watch lambasted the Chinese government for obstructing and threatening foreign journalists — and their sources — in violation of continued pledges to ensure press freedom.

In a scathing 71-page report, the human rights watchdog documented in detail how foreign correspondents in China face harassment and intimidation by "government officials or their proxies" when they pursue stories that embarrass authorities, expose wrongdoing or document social unrest.

The effects of violating those pledges "will linger long after the last athletes have left Beijing," the organization's Sophie Richardson warned.

But that warning went unheeded. China's Olympic organizers have now gone one step further.

Reports indicate they intend to restrict live broadcasts from Beijing's Tiananmen Square during the Olympic period to two narrow time slots per day: 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. till 11 p.m., local time.

Authorities want to keep a tight rein on Tiananmen. They fear it could become a focal point for protests.

But some observers were never persuaded by the promises of press freedom in the first place.

"I don't think complete freedom is possible," says Li Datong, the former editor of a leading government paper who is now one of China's most insightful commentators.

"If nothing happens and you go out and do normal reporting on the Games, obviously you're going to enjoy 'complete freedom.' Who is going to restrain sports reporting? But if something happens, like a protest — there's going to be a problem."

In Beijing the possibility of protests seems to grow slimmer by the day as security in and around the city continues to tighten.

Last week a cordon of checkpoints was established around Beijing.

Weeks ago a security force of 100,000 was put on alert inside the capital.

The potential for protest remains a Chinese leadership obsession — a nightmare waiting in the wings.

That's not because protests never happen. Tens of thousands of protests and riots occur in China every year. But the Chinese government keeps such tight control on the domestic media that few protests ever get reported.

The government's obsession is due to the arrival of 25,000 additional foreign journalists and the likelihood that any protest will be beamed instantly around the world — and the Chinese government would lose face.

"International media coverage is mainly about mianzi (face)," explains Li.

And so are these Games.

But if there are protests, they'll be covered.

Veteran journalist Sandy MacIntyre, who directs news for APTN, the television network of The Associated Press, says he doubts restrictive measures will inhibit journalists from doing their job.

"We've signed up to be able to go anywhere and report anything," he said in an interview from New York, "and that's the way we intend to approach it on the ground."

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NFL
Denver Broncos wide receiver Rod Smith announced his retirement yesterday at a press conference, marking the end of a 12-year career as one of the most consistently productive receivers in the NFL. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Doc dominates Orioles

Roy Halladay, left, was his usual efficient self on the hill, allowing just one run through seven innings in the Toronto Blue Jays' 7-1 triumph over the Baltimore Orioles yesterday in the finale of their four-game series. Before Halladay shut down the O's, Toronto finished off Wednesday's rain-suspended game with the 5-1 win. Metro News Services

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Tillman bleeds 'Riders green

Longtime CFL executive relishes role with defending Grey Cup champs

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He has, in his 12 CFL seasons with the Montreal Concordes, Toronto Argonauts, B.C. Lions, Ottawa Renegades and Saskatchewan Roughriders, received a black eye from a boss, a public insult in which he was called a "red-headed piss ant" by a rival and a pink slip from an organization whose head coach stopped speaking to him.

It certainly has been a colourful front-office career for Eric Tillman so far.

And he's gone green now — reflective of both the team colour of his Roughriders and the megabucks the club recently gave him in an unprecedented contract extension. It's a laden-incentive deal that could, if Saskatchewan continues to excel, keep Tillman around as general manager until 2020.

"I want to finish my career here," the Mississippi native told me yesterday via telephone, as he celebrated his 51st birthday. "I have the best job in the CFL now. No fans have the passion and devotion ours do. Football is the unifying force in Saskatchewan. When people are born here, they don't get birth marks. They get (Rider) logos."

It helps Tillman, of course, that the Riders captured the Grey Cup last season and are the only undefeated CFL team this season. Still, Tillman takes nothing for granted and elaborates with a nifty analogy that you can read in my latest CFL Report, exclusively at metronews.ca, where I also recount Tillman's aforementioned clashes as well as several cool stories about him and players such as the Argos' Kerry Joseph and Mike Vanderjagt. Check it out.

Smart moves



Tillman

• In his career as a CFL general manager, Eric Tillman has twice replaced Danny Barrett with Kent Austin — and won the Grey Cup both times. Before the 1994 season, Tillman replaced Barrett with Austin as starting quarterback of the B.C. Lions. Before the 2007 season, Tillman replaced Barrett with Austin as head coach of the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

• Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Jim Furyk and David Beckham were all in Toronto this week, but more exciting to me is who's in Edmonton — archrival auto racers Danica Patrick and Milka Duno. They're spatting cats, these two, but also underdogs at the Edmonton Indy, with Patrick at 81-to-1 and Duno an even longer shot at 251-to-1 … At the Canadian Open golf gig, Furyk is a 7-to-5 favourite to repeat as champ, and, although I'm not sure why, underachieving Ontarian Mike Weir isn't far behind at 5-to-2 … Please, no more Mats Sundin stories until he signs or quits.

• I can't decide what Leo Rautins is worse at — analyzing basketball or coaching it … What's this I hear about the new ownership of the Ottawa Rapidz baseball club irking creditors with unpaid bills? … And Edmonton sports hack Terry Jones must think he's a psychologist now because here's what he actually said on radio about Oilers GM Kevin Lowe: "He has an anger-management problem."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Murray likely to receive buyout

NHL Bridgewater's Glen Murray cleared waivers yesterday and is expected to be bought out by the Boston Bruins.



Murray

The 15-year NHL veteran and former 40-goal scorer has one year left on his contract at $4.15 million. The Bruins have 48 hours to buy out Murray's contract for roughly $2.7 million.

The move is necessary because the Bruins need to get their payroll under the NHL salary cap of $56.7 million.

Murray has appeared in 1,009 NHL games and has 651 career points. He put up his lowest point total in over a decade last season, with 30 points in 63 games. METRO HALIFAX

Roddick bounced at Rogers

TENNIS Sixth-seed Andy Roddick was shocked 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 by 19-year-old Marin Cilic of Croatia yesterday in the third round of the Rogers Cup in Toronto.

Also sent packing yesterday was fourth seed Nikolay Davydenko of Russia, who lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to Germany's Nicolas Kiefer.

Defending champ Novak Djokovic of Serbia eased past Swede Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-4, while world No. 2 Rafael Nadal of Spain defeated Igor Andreev of Russia 6-2, 7-6 (1). REUTERS

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Weir among early Open leaders

GOLF Home favourite Mike Weir and Americans Anthony Kim and Eric Axley fired six-under-par 65s to share the first-round lead at the RBC Canadian Open yesterday.

The trio were among the few players to complete their rounds on a miserable day at a soggy Glen Abbey, avoiding torrential rain and lightning which halted play for six hours.

Bidding to become the first Canadian to win the title for 54 years, Weir brightened up the stormy day for the hometown fans with a bogey-free round.

Weir, who lost to Vijay Singh in a playoff in 2004 when the event was last on the Oakville, Ont., course, rolled in a five-footer on his final hole to earn a share of the lead. REUTERS



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Mike Weir makes a putt on the ninth hole yesterday during the first round of the RBC Canadian Open in Oakville, Ont.

Sports in brief

TENNIS Halifax's Phil Anderson will compete at the Canadian 18-and-under outdoor tennis championships starting Sunday in St-Bruno-de-Montarville, Que. The former 16-and-under champion was fourth in the national pre-summer rankings.

HOCKEY Saint Mary's Huskies women's hockey forward Kori Cheverie has been invited to Toronto from Aug. 9 to 16 to try out for a spot on Canadian Interuniversity Sport's roster for the 2009 FISU World University Games in China.

BASKETBALL Halifax's Casey Fox will play for the Acadia Axemen next season. Fox is a former metro high school scoring champ with J.L. Ilsley who spent last season at Lee Academy in Maine. METRO HALIFAX

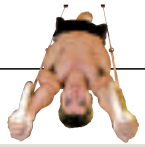
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Olympics
David Kikuchi's elbow is healthy and he's headed to the Summer Olympics in Beijing. The Fall River artistic gymnast, left, survived Canada's final pre-Olympic camp, recovering from an injury suffered at selection trials earlier this month. METRO HALIFAX

Grant ready for WJC camp

QMJHL star hoping to make impression in bid to represent Canada

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When Alex Grant was 13, one of his biggest thrills was watching Jeff Woywitka lead Canada to victory over the U.S. at the 2003 world junior championship at the Metro Centre.

Woywitka, now a St. Louis Blues defenceman, scored the game-winner midway through the third period in a 3-2 semifinal win before a jam-packed house of 10,594.

This weekend, Grant will take a big step toward living that experience in Woywitka's skates, as he participates in Canada's under-20 tryout camp in Ottawa starting tomorrow.

The camp is the first step toward suiting up in red and white at the 2009 world junior at Scotiabank Place in Ottawa.

"It was ridiculous — the fans were all going crazy and the place was so loud," Grant recalled. "That's what it's like in any city in Canada … The difference in Ottawa is, they'll have 9,000 more fans, so it will be that much crazier."

"You're not going to make the team just from this camp. You've got to make a good first impression, then you've got to have a good first half of the season."
Alex Grant

Not that Grant is getting ahead of himself. The Antigonish native and Saint John Sea Dogs blueliner knows he has a big job ahead if he wants to wear the Maple Leaf over the holidays.

He is one of 16 defencemen at the camp, and three of them won gold at last year's world junior. Of those 16, only one — Jared Spurgeon — was drafted lower than Grant, who was picked 118th overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2006.

"It's gonna be tough, and it's going to require a lot of hard work," Grant said. "You're not going to make the team just from this camp. You've got to make a good first impression, then you've got to have a good first half of the season."

Grant, the Sea Dogs' captain, is coming off a breakthrough campaign that saw him score 48 points in 70 games. He has represented Canada at the under-18 level before.

"The under-18 was great, but the amount of exposure and publicity you get at the under-20 is amazing," Grant said. "To be part of it, especially in Canada, would be special."



Alex Grant says he's expecting to have to work hard at this weekend's tryout camp for Canada's under-20 team.

Sports in brief

BASKETBALL East Preston's Justine Colley played 22 minutes in Canada's 72-56 loss to the U.S. yesterday at the FIBA Americas under-18 championship in Buenos Aires. She was third on the team in floor time and had three points and two steals. Cambridge Station's Abbey Duinker had four points.

SOCCER Nova Scotia's under-16 team lost 2-1 to Alberta yesterday at the Canadian all-star soccer championships in Sherwood Park, Alta. The squad is 0-1-1 after advancing to the medal round. The boys lost 3-0 to Ontario in Longueuil, Que., and dropped to 0-1-1 in medal-round play.

RACING The seventh round of the 11-race Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour gears back up on Saturday at Speedway 660 in Geary, N.B. Timberlea's Wayne Smith takes the tour's points lead into the Parts For Trucks 100.

GOLF Irene Jung of Bedford placed third at the CN Future Links Atlantic junior girls golf championship in Bathurst, N.B. She shot a scorching 2-over 74 yesterday to finish three strokes shy of victory. Digby's Eric Locke won the boys title.
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Summer in the City

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Get the party started

Hot Halifax events offer something for everyone

August may be known as the dog days of summer, but that doesn't mean you need to dig around to find fun things to do in Halifax. Here is a sampling of things taking place in the city:

MUSIC:
No matter what your musical taste, Halifax will come alive with high notes and bass clefs in August. Things get started on the first of the month, with Canadian Idol personality Jully Black playing Casino Nova Scotia and the Joel Plaskett Emergency highlighting a show across the harbour in Alderney Landing.

It's a girl and boy band double bill on Aug. 2, with both Backstreet Boys and Girlicious harmonizing at the Halifax Metro Centre. Things take a harder edge later in the month with Avril Lavigne and Simple Plan. For those wanting old school sounds, David Cassidy plays the casino on Aug. 22 and 23, and Chilliwack highlighting Weir Rockin' 08 in Upper Sackville.

Those looking to two-step will want to check out Keith Urban, Charlie Major, Johnny Reid, and Gretchen Wilson. They help close the month with Country Rocks 2008 on Halifax Common on Aug. 30. ticketatlantic.com.

THEATRE:
Who says you need to go inside to enjoy great theatre. Shakespeare by the Sea is out to prove a whole park, in this case Point Pleasant, can be a stage. Its August line-up includes A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello, and the fun-filled family show, Cinderelly. shakespearebythesea.ca.

For those who want to get out of the sun, the 18th annual Halifax Fringe Festival starts to entertain the city on Aug. 28. atlanticfringe.ca.

FESTIVALS:
Halifax's favourite outdoor movie festival, alFresco filmFesto, will be screening movies every Friday in August at Tall Ship's Quay. atlanticfilm.com.



Lazy Legz and the Montreal-based ILL-Abilities are back for the Halifax International Buskers Festival.

It will be sharing the waterfront with the Halifax International Buskers Festival, which runs Aug. 7 through 17. Making a return this year in Montreal-based ILL-Abilities, featuring Lazy Legz – seen on last season's America's Got Talent. buskers.ca.

Beer lovers will want to mark Aug. 15 and 16 in their calendars for the Halifax Seaport Beerfest. The mini-fest will give ale and brew lovers a chance to sample drinks from around the world.

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Routine helps fight frizz

VERONICA BOODHAN
for Metro Canada

Hot summer weather can be great for achieving a bronzy tan, but unfortunately it can also wreak havoc on your hair.

The high temperatures, humidity and over-processing of hair can all contribute to frizz, allowing fly-aways and split ends to become more obvious.

While some brands are offering possible solutions to tame your hair, it can be difficult to know where to start.

Howard Barr, creative consultant for the John Frieda Collection, advises against sticking to one hair routine.

"You have to be prepared to change the formulation of what you use and experiment a little depending on the time of year or weather conditions."

The John Frieda Collection offers a line of products called Frizz-Ease. The line's newest products, Weather Works, are designed specifically to help hair from frizzing in extreme weather, especially in the summer.



Experts advise getting regular trims to avoid frizzy hair.

The secret behind the Frizz-Ease line is the technology used in the products.

"Shielding technology is a formulated silicone barrier that reduces static and also provides a UV protection and basically coats the hair," says Barr.

While Frizz-Ease can help ignite your defence against frizz in the shower and before you begin styling, using the right tools can also help you with achieving your ideal look.

Goody offers a variety of different tools to help prevent and deal with frizzy hair.

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"It's kind of adding that natural oil back to your hair and in turn, helps defy frizz because the oil is keeping the hair tame and smooth," explains Kelly Chapman, senior brand manager at Goody.

To help maintain healthy hair all season, Charles Booth, hair stylist and founder of LaCoupe Hair Care Products, recommends getting regular haircuts to help fight frizz.

"By trimming your hair regularly, you actually strengthen your hair," explains Booth. "If you trim hair often it appears to grow faster because it breaks off less."

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One man

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It's an election year and everyone in Hollywood seems to have taken a frenzied interest, including Kevin Costner, who admits to being a political junkie. Costner stars in Swing Vote, in which a presidential election comes down to one man's vote.

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Matt Mays and El Torpedo go to "rock jail."

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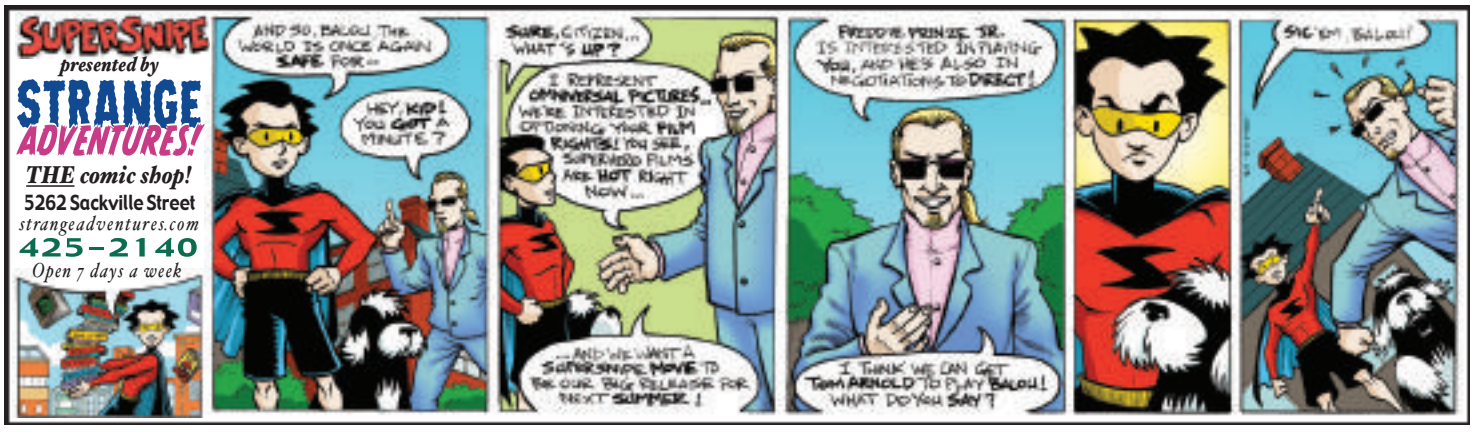
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Coldplay goes globetrotting for the new tour.





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Music

Summer Rush big success

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BRENDON ARNOLD/FOR METRO CANADA

Nelly plays for a sold-out crowd last weekend.

It's been almost a week since the hottest summer concert ever, and Halifax is still vibrating from Z103.5's Summer Rush 2008. The sold-out crowd of 8,000 was amazed and excited as they danced on the Dartmouth waterfront at Alderney Landing.

The crowd was a record for the venue, and the show's lineup proved to be a hit for all ages. Headliner Nelly left all of the ladies in the crowd swooning; Erika from Dartmouth was pulled from the crowd on stage to perform Dillemma, which Nelly usually performs with Kelly Rowland. Girls' eyes were also welling up when Jesse McCartney hit the stage for the first time ever in Nova Scotia. Both guys showed their love for Nova Scotia, too. Nelly visited Peggy's Cove and McCartney, partying after the show at Bubbles Mansion and The Palace, said that Z103.5's Summer Rush was one of the best concerts he's ever been part of. If that wasn't enough, Classified, Chad Hatcher, Enur, Cascada, C + C Music Factory, Kreesha Turner, Elise Estrada, Addictiv, Lady Gaga, SNAP!, Jabbawockeez — along with DJs Danny D, NoLuv and Atmosphere — kept concert-goers smiling, jammin' for nearly eight hours.

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Terminal Romance, the latest album from Matt Mays & El Torpedo, was released earlier this month.

A Terminal Romance

'Rock jail' helps Matt Mays & El Torpedo nail sound

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

At one point during the making of what would become the definitive follow-up to Matt Mays & El Torpedo's 2005 self-titled debut, the rockers' driving force likened the recording process to "rock jail."

The 28-year-old Mays, drummer Tim Jim Baker, guitarist Jay Smith and bassist Andy Patil spent weeks in late 2007 holed up in London with U.K.-based co-producer Chris Tsangarides (Thin Lizzy, Judas Priest, Black Sabbath, Tragically Hip) tracking, mixing, re-tracking, to the degree where, in Mays' terms, "where we were almost nauseous about it. It was bad for our health."

Given all the hours of extreme concentration on tightly knit playing and guitar-heavy rock riffs evoking classic Thin Lizzy, Badfinger and even Bruce Springsteen, how apropos that Mays would title the end product Terminal Romance.

"Going into the previous El Torpedo record, there were no preconceived notions on what it was going to sound like. It was just plug in and play," Mays tells Metro. "But this new one was a real test. We redid a lot of tracks, remixed a lot of things, recorded different versions of songs on different continents …

"Now that's it done, I can say we've made a great album because at one point it wasn't a great album."

Along the way, two of Mays' original Torpedos bandmates — guitarist Jarrett Murphy and keyboardist Rob Crowell — quit. And an even bigger change was Mays' decision to uproot himself from his familiar Halifax comfort zone to the far-from-familiar surroundings of New York City.

"And as any artist will probably tell you, change is a big part of fuelling good art. You need some kind of change of surroundings."
Matt Mays

"With me, I felt I was getting stagnant living in Halifax," explains Mays, who grew up in nearby Cole Harbour and started his career as a member of the rootsy flavoured group The Guthries. "And as any artist will probably tell you, change is a big part of fuelling good art. You need some kind of change of surroundings."

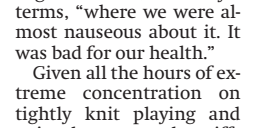
Mays is no stranger to shaking things up, of course. In 2006, the multiple East Coast Music Award winner and Juno nominee released a soundtrack to a shelved film project, When The Angels Make Contact, with Mays venturing as far away from the balls-out rock of El Torpedo as possible.

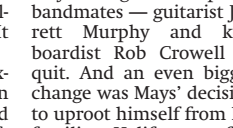
So far, moving to America has proven to be advantageous. The group landed a lucky break opening for Kid Rock's most recent tour. And despite of all the recent stories regarding the headliner and his reported off-stage antics, Mays claims the Kid is indeed all right.

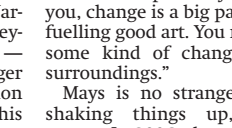
"I don't really care about all that other stuff that's reported on him," Mays says. "The guy's been in this business for a long time. He's a great guitar player and he sings incredibly well. But the way he comes across to people, I mean, that's just his on-stage schtick — it's not who he is as a real person."

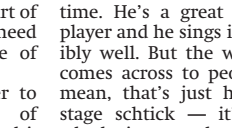
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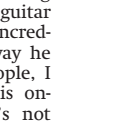



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Nas scores No. 1 album

Nas topped the U.S. pop album chart this week. His self-titled album sold 187,000 copies in the week ended July 20, according to Nielsen SoundScan, becoming the rapper's fifth No. 1 on the Billboard 200. REUTERS



Music

Vampire Weekend bites back

Despite success of African-inspired album, indie act works to shed 'world' label

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Vampire Weekend faces the danger of getting killed with kindness.

Sources in the know have gushed over the four Ivy League preppies from New York — named by Spin Magazine as "The Year's Best New Band" in their March 2008 issue — and how they've appropriated African sounds into their perky, self-titled indie pop release. The album earned ubiquitous comparisons with Paul Simon's 1986 Grammy Award-winning Graceland, a work he recorded in South Africa that featured several of that country's artists. But Vampire Weekend accepts the praise "with a grain of salt," says keyboardist Rostam Batmanglij. One can easily tell the band frets that the "world music" label the press has given them, and that the Columbia University grads consider inaccurate, might stick.

"F—k them!" he says over the phone from Utrecht, Holland. "I've read stuff about us that the press has written and half the time they don't know what they're talking about. Parts of it are definitely inspired by African music and world beat, but we think it sounds pretty Western. It's a blitz: You can't go anywhere without hearing someone's opinion and everyone wants to respond to what's said about them."

Possibly a much more difficult handle to rebuke given recent events: World beat maestro Peter Gabriel released a cover of Vampire Weekend's single Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa — VW's version made Rolling Stone's 100 Best Songs of the Year — as a response to the band dropping the ex-Genesis member's name to hand-drummed Congolese dance music, Kenyan benga beats and off-time guitar licks. Batmanglij says British electro-pop act Hot Chip provides the instrumentals while Gabriel lends vocals.



Vampire Weekend's self-titled debut has drawn comparisons to Paul Simon's Graceland.

"It's pretty surreal to hear him (Gabriel) cover us because he's so huge," Batmanglij said. "But I think it's cool. You get the feel of his music in the cover."

In the meantime, the band has set to work penning songs for their sophomore effort, experimenting with two new tracks at the recent Bonaroo and Glastonbury festivals. Batmanglij says the second will have less of an afro-beat, but will still feature an eclectic mosaic of various global styles — one features a back-up six-string for frontman Ezra Koenig, and an electric backing track. For Batmanglij, a return home to record might be the most welcome part of it all.

"Parts of it are definitely inspired by African music and world beat, but we think it sounds pretty Western."
Rostam Batmanglij

"We're interested in plurality in our music and combining points of view," he said. "It's definitely going to be different, and we're looking forward to getting back to New York to do it. Since the album came out, we've had this 'out-of-town' lifestyle. It's hard to justify paying my rent."

Touring takes stamina for top acts

SoundCheck



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I hate jet lag. I'm OK going west, but when I travel east, a gauzy curtain of confusion descends across my eyes and I turn into a burbling airhead for close to a week. I once flew non-stop from Singapore to New York — 19 hours — and by the time I tried to collect my luggage, I had lost the will to live. This is why I could never be in a major rock band.

At this moment, every member of Coldplay is losing their spot in the space-time continuum, something from which they won't recover from for at least twelve months.

Having flown from the U.K. to Chicago earlier this week to start their world tour — a shift of six time zones — the band is currently somewhere in transit to Philadelphia, putting them one hour closer to what they're used to in London. But by Sunday, they'll have shifted west three times zones — eight hours out of sync with home — for their gig at the Pemberton Festival near Whistler, B.C. Two days later, body clocks will be jerked back to EDT so they can play Montreal on Tuesday and Toronto Wednesday and Thursday.

By the time things wrap up in Boston on August 4th, they'll be dazed, confused and exhausted — just in time to fly nearly 11,000 kilometres (a 14-hour non-stop flight) for two festival appearances in Japan starting on the 9th. They'll have to summon the energy to perform in front of 80,000 people after disrupting their already ragged circadian rhythms by 13 hours.

Mercifully, Coldplay has two-and-a-half weeks to recover before a 23-date European fall tour which will involve resetting watches by no more than an hour. But by mid-October, they'll have to break out the melatonin again because they're scheduled for another coast-to-coast North American trek, including Ottawa on October 20. And before Chris can settle down with Gwyneth and the kids for Christmas, there are 15 more dates in the U.K. and Ireland.

Once the holidays are over, it's time to address the summer touring season in Australia and New Zealand, which means adjusting nine hours on the flight to Sydney. Once the Aussies and the Kiwis are sated, it'll be time for the 2009 festival circuit through the northern hemisphere.



The Coldplay tour will criss-cross the globe.

The good news is that at this stage of the game, no one is flying economy.

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Do you want to believe?

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The X-Files: I Want To Believe
Director: Chris Carter
Stars: David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson
Classification: PG
Rating:

REVIEW I want to believe The X-Files series creator Chris Carter didn't make a bland, scattered version of Silence Of The Lambs. Tough luck for me.

You could call The X-Files: I Want To Believe an elongated rendering of what might have been an episode in the latter (and nuttier) days of the classic Emmy-winning 1990s series about two FBI investigators who explore the paranormal.

Ex-FBI agent Dana Scully (Anderson), now a full-time hospital surgeon, pulls her partner Fox Mulder (Duchovny) out of exile to track the case of a missing agent. Helping them is Father Joe (Connolly), a pedophile priest who sniffs out severed body parts and crime scenes for the bureau with his questionable psychic abilities. Mulder recognizes the key to solving the case is to put faith in the disgraced clergyman, while Scully takes an immediate dislike to him, refusing to accept any of his input. Essentially, they use the insight of a criminal to catch criminals.

It's a path beaten long before by a much better movie. You almost expect a scene where the villain tells one of their soon-to-be victims that "it rubs the lotion on its skin or else it gets the hose again."

I Want To Believe is presented in classic X-Files fashion: Mulder and Scully deliver Carter's over-the-top dialogue with their trademark anemia. Subplots are tied thematically to the main story in only the most superficial way, serving to muddy the pacing and continuity (The ethical dilemma of Scully operating on a terminally ill child being an example). And, much like the male host of Polka Dot Door who routinely misses the Polkaroo in every episode, Mulder damns the government, yet again, for covering up supernatural facts of a case — Oh that poor, naïve Mulder, won't he ever learn?

Now I could be wrong, but the real enigma is the reason why Carter would resurrect a series six years after its finale that, as gripping and suspenseful as it was in its heyday, doesn't seem to be too terribly missed.


Mulder and Scully (David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson) are back in The X-Files: I Want To Believe, opening this weekend.

Ferrell, Reilly strike again

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Step Brothers
Director: Adam McKay
Stars: Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly
Classification: 14A
Rating:

REVIEW Either you're a fan of Will Ferrell or you're not. There really isn't much middle-ground for the puerile brand of insanity he delivers. That said, if there's one person who can at least pull that off time and again, it's him.

In Step Brothers, Ferrell is ramping it up by re-teaming with his Talladega Nights co-star John C. Reilly and writer/director Adam McKay in perhaps his most infantile premise yet. Ferrell plays Brennan, a 39-year old slacker who still lives at home with his enabling mom (Mary Steenburgen). After she meets and marries Robert (Richard Jenkins), Brennan finds himself sharing a house with a new dad and his 40-something son Dale (John C. Reilly). Every bit Brennan's immature equal, the new step brothers square off like tantrum-filled toddlers.

However, the pair soon begin to bond over their quest to form a musical dynasty called Prestige Worldwide (Dale finds Brennan's singing voice to be a cross between "Fergie and Jesus" after all) and the duo are forced to break free of their dependency. Yes, it's stupid, but part of the reason it works is because, like most Ferrell films, you don't know where the script ends and the improvisation begins. Silly as it is, he's master of the ridiculous.

Ultimately, it's a predictable film but if you find Pablo Cruise tour t-shirts and Star Wars-obsessed baby men funny, Step Brothers won't disappoint.

Jack Brooks a fun ride

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Jack Brooks: Monster Slayer
Director: Jon Knautz
Stars: Trevor Matthews, Rachel Skarsten
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW Be honest: You love to watch something that deserves to get schmucked actually get schmucked. And when the schmucking is being done by a charismatic, everyday person like yourself, it's all the more satisfying. That's Jack Brooks: Monster Schmucker. Slayer.

Ottawa director Jon Knautz is a self-confessed '80 horror-movie fanatic, fun flicks that combined thrills with laughs. Jack Brooks is a playful sendup of that genre. If you enjoy those movies, you'll enjoy this. Trevor Matthews stars as Jack, and convinces as an anger-unmanaged-plumber-cum-monster slayer. He's a natural on camera, easy to watch like your buddy at the neighbourhood pub is easy to talk to.

If you're looking for a groundbreaking spin on the horror-humour genre, Jack Brooks isn't it. But it's a fun ride with solid performances throughout.

Movie morsels

The Dark Knight

REVIEW The follow-up to Batman Begins takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Mamma Mia!

REVIEW The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent than they were, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning he could have been one of three men.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Space Chimps

REVIEW Ham III, the computer-generated hero of Space Chimps which is voiced by Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg is sure to get a lot of laughs. His grandfather — Ham — was a famous chimp astronaut, and Ham III hasn't come close to living up to his family's legacy. He's a circus chimp. But when Ham III gets recruited to lead a space mission, he gets to make his mark.

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada



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Costner gets political

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FEATURE Kevin Costner admits the premise on which Swing Vote is based might be far-fetched, but nearly everything else that happens after Costner's character becomes the one man in the whole of the United States whose vote will decide the outcome of a presidential election is plausible. The reality of the situation hits home during a montage scene of political pundits from across the cable spectrum, weighing in on Costner's hapless Bud, with HBO's Bill Maher letting loose with his usual scorn.

"I actually pulled for Bill Maher to be in the movie," Costner tells me, "because I think he's one of our smartest guys, to be honest, I do. I don't' feel he's always right about stuff, but I think he's on point about a lot of things, and I felt that he has that acidic look at it."



Kevin Costner

It's an election year, and everyone in Hollywood seems to have taken aside, and while Costner admits to being a political junkie, he says he's loathe to get on a soapbox.

"We're dependent on these guys and women to lay their egos down and sometimes take our country in a tough direction," Costner says about politicians. "Not the easiest direction, a tough direction. And often they don't do it — they can't do it. They can't lay their ego down. They can't be satisfied with just serving one term, doing the right thing, knowing that so many enemies will be made that they won't be re-elected."

The presidential candidates in Swing Vote, played by Kelsey Grammer and Dennis Hopper, aren't the villains of the story – that role goes to their campaign managers and spin doctors, played by Stanley Tucci and Nathan Lane, who put the pressure on their candidates to ignore their conscience and do whatever it takes to win.

"Listen, I have handlers out there," Costner says. "They could be sitting in here but I don't let them. What happens sometimes people allow the people that are in your ear a lot to be in your ear so much that you don't really know who you are anymore. They have too much influence in your life, but they're doing it for the right reasons."

Carroll on Costner

• Madeline Carroll, 12, gives a standout performance as Kevin Costner's daughter in Swing Vote, stealing the film as the frustrated conscience of a man too lazy to vote but quickly becomes the one man two presidential candidates have to win over to get a shot at the White House. A veteran despite her years, with a resumé that includes episodes of Lost, Cold Case and Night Stalker as well as a role in the last Resident Evil film, Carroll says she was more than familiar with Costner before getting the role in Swing Vote. "My three brothers and I all love Waterworld." The actress says she's happy to be working when many young actors are getting juicy parts in high-profile picture. She hopes, however, producers will keep in mind the age of the kids they're casting. "We shouldn't have to talk dirty and stuff like that. We're just kids."

Old rock rebels with new cause

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

The initial aim of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young's 2006 Freedom Of Speech concert tour was, from Neil Young's perspective, supposed to prompt discussion about, and perhaps even question, America's involvement in the Iraq war.

The concerts prominently featured material from Living With War, the Canadian-born rock legend's solo effort released in May of that year.

But were audiences prepared to listen to their favourite quartet from the late 1960s rail against George W. Bush and the war in Iraq in song form?

As documented in the film CSNY: Déjà Vu, directed under Young's pseudonym Bernard Shakey and co-written with veteran U.S. broadcast journalist Mike Cerre, crowds were debating less about song subject matter, leaning more towards feeling if David Crosby, Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Young had lost their collective minds.


Neil Young

"We were aware of (the negative reaction), and we could see it," Young explains to Rolling Stone of one of the film's high points.

He adds that throughout the tour band were also ambushed with "death threats and bomb-sniffing dogs and everything every night."

Surprisingly, Young's bandmates hardly buckled under the pressure.

"Those guys were into (that tour) 100 per cent," Young tell Billboard. "They agreed with the songs, and they wanted to sing 'em."

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Halifax

BAYERS LAKE
190 Chain Lake Dr., Bayers Lake
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The Dark Knight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-1-2-3:30-4:30-6:45-8-9-10
Get Smart (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:25
Hancock (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:15-9:40
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 12:40-3:30-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 6:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 3:30-6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:45
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Wed 9 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 9:30
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-3:20-6:40-9:10
Just Buried (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:55-9:15
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15
Mamma Mia! (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:10-4:10-6:30-7:10-9:10-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:30-1:30-3:10-4:10-6:30-7:10-9:10-9:50
Space Chimps (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Wed 1:40-4-6:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 1:40-4
Step Brothers (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-1:50-3:40-4:20-6:50-7:10-9:20-9:40
WALL-E (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7-9:30
Wanted (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 4:10-7-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 4:10-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 4:10-7-9:40
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-1:20-3:20-4-6:55-7:20-9:20-9:50



Heath Ledger and Christian Bale star in The Dark Knight, currently in theatres.

IMAX
190 Chain Lake Dr., Bayers Lake
902-876-4800

The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:30-9:45

OXFORD THEATRE
6408 Quinpool Rd.
902-423-7488

The Dark Knight (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-8

PARK LANE
5657 Spring Garden Rd.
902-423-4860

The Dark Knight (PG) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 11:50-12:50-3-4:15-6:30-8:45-9:50
Hancock (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-7:20-10
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Mamma Mia! (PG) Dolby Stereo, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:40-6:50-9:20
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The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:40

Lower Sackville

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760 Sackville Dr., Downsview Plaza
902-869-2022

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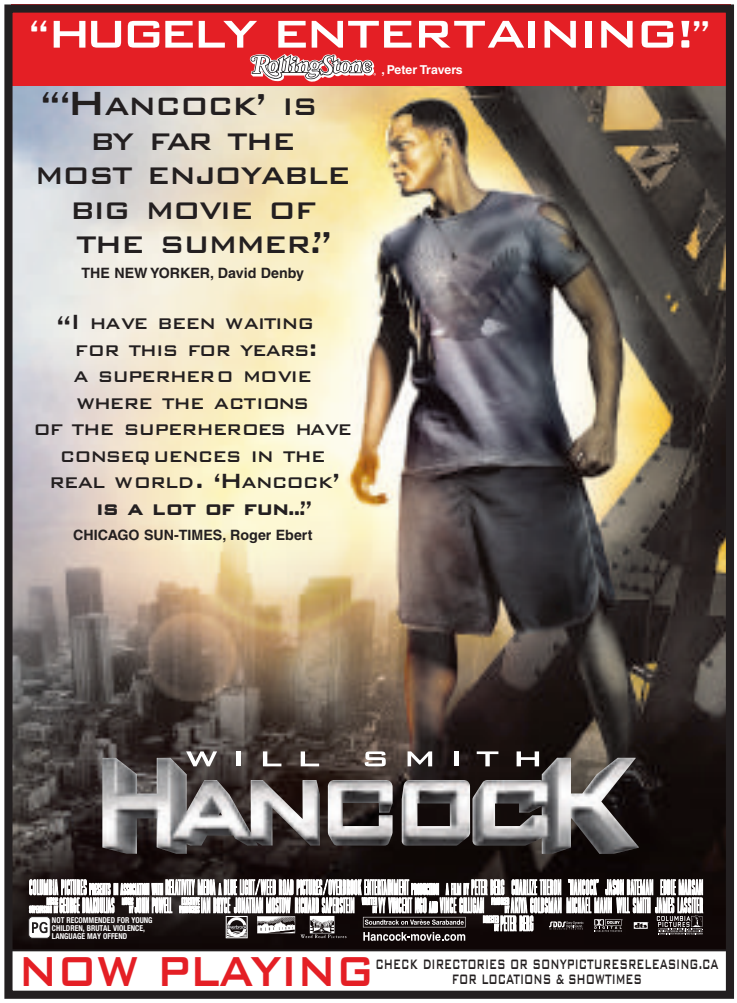
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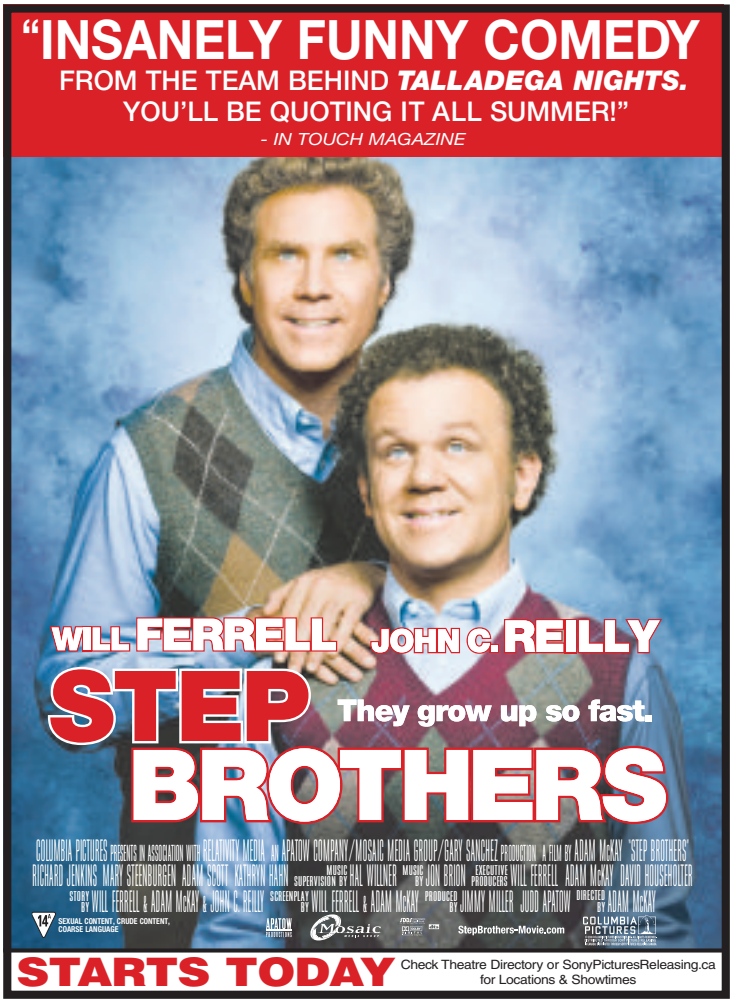
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650 Portland St., 902-434-4200

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Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 6:35-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:05-6:35-9:05 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:05
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri 6:50-9 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:50-9 Mon-Thu 6:50-9
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Sat-Sun 2:25
Wanted (18) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:10

DARTMOUTH CROSSING
145 Shubie Dr., Dartmouth Crossing
902-481-3251

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The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:20-9:45





Eva Las Vegas

Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria Parker is reportedly expanding her nightlife empire, with a new hotspot in Las Vegas. The actress's Los Angeles restaurant Beso is such a hit, she's in talks to create a second branch in Sin City. IMDB.COM

TV

Kreskin goes mental

Reality show uses thought-reader to solve mysteries

The Amazing Kreskin is developing a reality TV show in which he'll help police with unsolved investigations.

The project, POI: Persons of Interest, follows thought-reader Kreskin as he assists law enforcement in gathering information that could help solve open missing-persons or criminal cases.

Kreskin and his partner on the show, producer Katy Wallin, are shopping the half-hour series to cable networks and already have shot a pilot in which the mentalist helps solve a case involving Scott Javins, a college student from Indiana who disappeared in 2002.

"POI is not fiction and stars the real mentalist."
Producer Katy Wallin

Wallin, who said POI has been in development for more than a year, noted the similarities with CBS's new police procedural drama The Mentalist, which joins the network's schedule in the fall at 9 p.m. Tuesdays.

That series stars Simon Baker as a celebrity psychic who puts his observational skills to better use working for law enforcement.

"There's an uncanny similarity between our pilot and the forthcoming CBS series The Mentalist, Wallin said.

"There is one basic and major difference: POI is not fiction and stars the real mentalist."

Kreskin, who recently has been serving as a consultant to law enforcement and security personnel, created the project with Indiana state investigator John Kleiman.

Kreskin said the project is "a great chance to bring closure to families who need it."

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Kreskin says the show will help families get closure.

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WILL RETURN

Much to air MTV Awards

JONAS BROTHERS MuchMusic says it will be the only place in Canada to air the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards live on Sept. 7.

The 25th annual spectacle will be notable for the performance of sensations the Jonas Brothers.

The host, presenters and other show performers will be announced at a later date.

Also notable, fans will have a say in the nomination process for the first time. Nominees for eight categories will be determined by an online vote by viewers from now throughout August.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Entertainment in brief

REAL IDOLS Canadian Idol has announced the first group of music stars who will mentor contestants on the singing competition and perform on the show. They include Bryan Adams, Simple Plan, Tom Jones and, in next week's "Unplugged" episode, former Bush frontman Gavin Rossdale, a.k.a. Mr. Gwen Stefani. Additional guests will be announced as the season progresses. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CLOONEY ER executive producer John Wells plans to ask George Clooney, who used to play Dr. Doug Ross on the medical show, to come back for its final episode, but he doubts Clooney will make it. Given the movie star and sometime director's schedule, the most Wells hopes for is that Clooney does some publicity for the finale, Wells told TV critics at the Television Critics Association tour. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	
primetime 7/25/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Funniest Home Videos		Duel (Season Finale) (N)		20/20
	7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Funniest Home Videos		Duel (Season Finale) (N)		Jeff Ltd.
	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Coronation St.	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Burn Rate"		Swingtown (N)
	6	6	6	CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men		Friday Night Lights		NUMB3RS "Burn Rate"		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Anger Management ★★ (2003, Comedy) Adam Sandler.				Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC		
sports	55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker 08 Open.		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CFL Football Edmonton Eskimos at Hamilton Tiger-Cats. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Deadline"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	From the Spirit	renegadepress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Demolition Man ★★ (1993, Science Fiction)		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Johnny Tootall (2005, Drama) Adam Beach, Alex Rice.				Divas
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Net	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
	18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman II		Man vs. Wild "Mexico"		Sphinx
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Relocation
	46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Silver War"		Lost Worlds		Final 24 John Belushi.		NCIS
	17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Instant Star	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		Get Over It (2001, Romance-Comedy)		
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:20) Two Minute Warning (1976)			(8:20) Perfect Little Angels (1998)			Clear and Present Danger ★★★ (1994)		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Haze"		Cold Squad (Part 1 of 2)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Mr. Friday (N)	The List	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	In Laws
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Say Yes-Dress	Reception	What Not to Wear (N)		Ashley Paige
	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	In Her Mother's Footsteps (2006, Suspense)		
	27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star (N)		Chasing Liberty ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy) Mandy Moore.				(10:15) The Next Star		Falcon Beach

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SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	
primetime 7/26/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	Wrld News Sat	Law & Order: SVU		Peter Pan ★★★ (1953, Fantasy) Voices of Bobby Driscoll.			Eli Stone	
	7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	The Making of Lost in Canada		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis		The Collector
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	ATP Tennis U.S. Open Series -- Rogers Cup -- Semifinal. From Toronto.					Marple: Murder Is Announced	
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		48 Hours Mystery		EliteXC Saturday Night Fights (Live)		
	6	6	6	CIHF	Andromeda		Largo Winch		Andromeda (Part 1 of 2)		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk-Coldplay at the BBC		Would Be Kings (2008, Crime Drama) Currie Graham.				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		The Office	The Office	Law & Order "Driven"		Law Order: CI
sports	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update		Score Update		Score Update		Horse Racing: Canadian Breeders		Score Update
	53	53	53	TSN	IndyCar Racing		SportsCentre	NASCAR Racing	Nationwide Series -- Kroger 200. (HDTV) (Live)				SportsCentre
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	(6) Erin Brockovich ★★★ (2000, Drama)				Die Hard ★★★ (1988, Action) (HDTV) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman.				
	70	70	70	APTN	MYTV (N)	Music Speaks	Rez Bluez Bluez Houndz.		Guides	Fish Out of	From the Spirit	Storytellers	Geographic
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Raising Valhalla		Callas Assoluta (2007, Documentary)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Laugh Off
	18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		CNN Presents "Black in America: The Black Woman & Family"				Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	King Tut's Mystery Tomb		Revealing the Coffin		Deadliest Catch "Mortal Men"		Criss Angel
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Flipping Out		Holmes on Homes		Extreme-Home
	46	46	46	HIST	Mob Stories		NCIS "Eye Spy"		Inside the Mind of Hitler		Hitler: The Rise of Evil ★★ (2003)		
	17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Get Over It ★★ (2001, Romance-Comedy) Kirsten Dunst.				So You Think You Can Dance		
	206	206	206	PIX	Against-Flags	(7:45) Pirates ★ (1986, Adventure) Walter Matthau, Charlotte Lewis.					Cutthroat Island ★★ (1995, Adventure)		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Lesser Evil (2006, Drama) Thea Gill, Marc Singer.				Love Notes (2007, Drama) Laura Leighton, Antonio Cupo.				Kenny-Spenny
	40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Vanity Insanity		End of Leash	Newlywed	Spoiled Rotten	Party Mamas	Shear Genius
	21	21	21	TLC	Flip That House: Diary		The Real Estate Pros		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces (HDTV) (N)		Holmes-Homes
	22	22	22	W	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	You Should Be Dancing		Cellular ★★ (2004, Suspense) Kim Basinger.		
	27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Avatar	Naruto	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks

SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	
primetime 7/27/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		High School Musical: Picture		Extreme Makeover: Home		Housewives
	7	7	7	ASN	Kyle XY "Hello..."		Funniest Home Videos		Smallville "Hero" (HDTV)		Cold Case "Torn"		Housewives
	11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (HDTV)		How Do You Solve-Maria		Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004, Fantasy)				Harry Potter
	32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case "Torn"		Flashpoint
	6	6	6	CIHF	renegadepress	'Til Death	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star (N)	The Hills	Cold Case "Torn"		High School Musical: Picture		Mad Men		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case		'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Outrageous	Outrageous	America's Got Talent		Dateline NBC		
sports	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker
	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
cable variety	16	16	16	A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Two Coreys
	70	70	70	APTN	Medicine Wmn	Tears	Warriors: TKO	Chiefs-Champ	MYTV	renegadepress	Cobb ★★ (1994, Drama) Tommy Lee Jones.		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Drawing Master		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	SABIAN: The Cymbal Makers		Connie and Carla ★★ (2004, Comedy)		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	Lil' Bush	Comedy Net
	18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		CNN Presents "Black in America: Black Women & Family"				Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters "Jet Pack"		Rogue Nature "Squid" Squid.		MythBusters		MythBusters Shark Week Special 2 (N)		
	34	48	48	HGTV	Flipping Out		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46	HIST	Engineering an Empire		NCIS		Plot to Overthrow Hitler		Hitler: The Rise of Evil ★★ (2003)		
	17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		So You Think You Can Dance				So You Think You Can Dance		Dance Crew
	206	206	206	PIX	Lethal Wpn. 4	(7:45) For Your Eyes Only ★★★ (1981, Action) Roger Moore, Topol.					The Replacement Killers (1998, Action)		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Knight Rider	Billable Hours	Secrets of an Undercover Wife (2007, Suspense)				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Scary Movie
	40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted "Jamila"		Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Biggest Loser
	21	21	21	TLC	Flip House	Flip House	Flip House	Flip House	My Shocking Story		Incredibly Small		Singing Office

Gus' pub
The Fear, Janus and Aquestrya on Friday. Matt Reid, The Lodge and The Langri-Shas on Saturday. Battleship Ethel and Bob Lanois on Sunday. 2605 Agricola St. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

Youth to carry piece of pride history

PARADE Instead of one large rainbow flag, this year's Halifax Pride Parade will see two banners being carried through the city.

Leading Saturday's parade will by a piece of gay pride history. The six-by 12-metre flag is part of a kilometre-long rainbow ribbon first unfurled in Key West, Fla., in 2003.

It marked the 25th anniversary of the eight-colour flag as a symbol for gay pride and was later cut into segments and sent to pride organizations around the world.

Eight people — mostly youth — will be carrying that flag. They each submitted a story to the Halifax Pride committee telling why they wanted to carry the symbol.

"It has been a little difficult for me to pick who is doing it; everyone has this coming out story," said Ed Savage, organizer of the parade. "They are stories about how Pride has made people feel comfortable with coming out.

"The reasons why include wanting to show the fact their parents walk with them, another wanted to walk the flag because their friend came out this year. It's stories like that, and coming out at a young age — something many of us didn't have the chance to do."

A second flag will also be carried at the back of the parade by a group from Truro called Rainbow Pride. Last year, councillors in that community voted against flying the gay pride flag.

"They had requested to carry the flag at the front, but we didn't want to cut out all the individuals who also wanted too," said Savage.

The parade begins to wind its way through downtown Halifax tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

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Maritime singers unite at Carleton

MUSIC Local singer Christina Martin will perform with Nathan Wylie when the prince Edward Islander appears at The Carleton on Sunday, Aug. 3. Tickets are $20 in advance.

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Mouth Uniacke's Dunnery Bond is a finalist on YTV's The Next Star.

Mount Uniacke's music rep soaring

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Mount Uniacke is already known for producing one international musician — Buck 65, a.k.a. Rich Terfry — now a second local son is hoping to hit the right notes.

"I think it would be really awesome to sing and do something that I love for the rest of my life," said Dunnery Bond. "I want to have a career in music, and if I can do that now, that's great."

The 14-year-old is among the finalists in YTV's new reality series, The Next Star. He is one of 12 kids from across Canada trying to make their musical dream come true.

Hosting the show is Degrassi: The Next Generation's Adamo Ruggeiro, and a panel of judges that include Much Music's first DJ Christopher Ward, record executive Steve Cranwell, and singer Suzie McNeil. The winner receives a recording contract.

"It would be really nice to get a singer out from the East Coast, and getting to win this competition, and getting a concert deal," said Dunnery, who appears in tonight's episode.

The Uniacke District School student decided to try out for the show after hearing about it from a friend. For his audition, he sang Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone by Bill Withers and Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen

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Bond is no stranger to Cohen's Hallelujah. He played the song on the piano and sang the classic at the David Foster's Ovation Star Search Atlantic in March.

Among those who heard his half-hour set was record producer Foster and a number of other industry executives.

"I knew he was a pretty big deal," said Bond. "I was a little nervous because I wasn't sure how long I would be up there for. Once I was there, I got comfortable after my first or second song. I was like, 'Yes, I can do this.'"

Bond said one of the best parts of the YTV experience so far has been getting the opportunity to meet other young people who have the same passion for performing.

"It has been really exciting, and I have learned a lot of things so far, even though I haven't been here very long."

tonight
- YTV's The Next Star airs tonight at 7 p.m.

Comedians celebrate pride with laughter

FUNNY SHOW The supportive atmosphere of Halifax Pride Week's annual comedy night is one of the reasons why Candy Palmater likes to unveil her newest material.

"It's always scary running new material," said the comedian. "Things that sound funny in my head might not be funny to others. But, I like doing it on this night because the crowd is always generous.



Palmater

"Even if your stuff stinks, they won't boo you off the stage."

The Queer Comedy Night show takes place Sunday at the Delta Halifax and will features drag queens, and a selection of gay and non-gay comedians. Taking part with Palmater this year are Picnicface and DaPopo Theatre.

This is the fourth year Palmater — a recovering lawyer, she admits — has been involved in the comedy night. She only came out as a comedian, and a lesbian, in her 30s.

"The show always happens on the last night of Pride and everyone seems to be in such a good mood after the week," she said about why the crowd is so supportive.

"There are few of us trying to make a go as a comic in Halifax, and I think everyone wants you to do well, and for things to work out for you."

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tonight
- What: Queer Comedy Night
- Where: Schooner Room, Delta Halifax
- When: Sunday, 9 p.m.
- Tickets: $10. Available in advance at Venus Envy. *halifaxpride.com*

Deadline looms for film awards

JOY AWARD APPLICATION The deadline to apply for the 2008 Joy Awards for Atlantic filmmaker, animators and media artists is Aug. 29. Visit *lindajoy.com.*

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Old Triangle
David Stone and The Crew on Friday and Saturday. Tristan & Andrew and David Stone matinées on Saturday. 5136 Prince Street. METRO NEWS SERVICES

events

ALDERNEY LANDING THEATRE Natal Day with Joel Plaskett Emergency. Aug 1. *alderneylanding.com*
BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE: Drum! Sept. 12 through Oct. 12. Visit *bellaroseartscentre.com.*
CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Songwriters Circle on July 31. Jully Black on Aug. 1. For tickets call 451-1221.
DALHOUSIE ARTS CENTRE: Halifax Summer Opera Workshop presents The Consul on July 25, 28, 31 and Aug. 2. Call 494-3820. 6101 University Ave.
DARTMOUTH COMMON: Pride Family Picnic on July 27. 1 p.m.
DELTA HALIFAX: Queer Comedy Night on July 27. 9 p.m. *halifaxpride.ca.*
GRAND PARADE: Tunes at Noon every Wednesday through Friday. Through Sept. 5.
HALIFAX METRO CENTRE: Backstreet Boys on Aug. 2. *ticketatlantic.com.*
PIER 21: Battle of the Atlantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.
PUBLIC GARDENS: Summer concert series each Sunday, 1 p.m. Through Sept. 14. South Park St. and Spring Garden Rd.
ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH: Steve Earle on Aug. 5. *ticketpro.ca.*
SOUNDMARKET: Noyes Records live show featuring a number of bands on July 27. 2 p.m. $5 at the door.
YUK YUK'S: Ian Sirota on Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call 429-9857. Westin Nova Scotia.
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Online column
To find out if Top Spin 3 is an ace or a double fault and if Big Beach Sports is worth getting your feet wet on, check out the Game On column, exclusively at *metronews.ca*.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 The X-Files: I Want To Believe

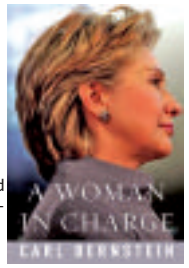


Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny reprise their roles as FBI special agents Dana Scully and Fox Mulder for the latest movie based on the landmark sci-fi/horror series. The movie is set to take the audience into a journey through the unknown, hoping to make believers out of us all. See if it succeeds — it's in theatres today.

2 21

Time to ante up! Inspired by a true story, the movie explores life in the fast lane as an M.I.T. Blackjack Team attempts the cheating method of "counting cards" in a Vegas casino. In the two-disc DVD released on Tuesday, the bonus features include interviews with the cast on how "counting cards" is performed as well as a feature focusing on the luxuries, clothing and locations in the movie.

3 A Woman In Charge: The Life Of Hillary Rodham Clinton, by Carl Bernstein



You may think it's too late to read this remarkable story, but Clinton's story is that of every woman who has tried to go where no woman has gone before: that's most of us. Delicious read. Eat it up.

4 I Kissed A Girl, by Katy Perry



The sassy song that's candy for the ears is No. 1 on iTunes in seven countries, Canada included. The catchy tune is providing many people with a controversial listen into Perry's scandalous little secret. We like it.

5 The Restaurant

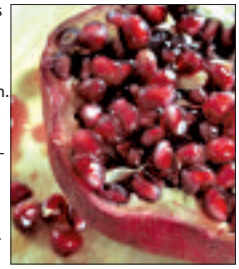


Nine couples are given their own restaurant for free and face the tasks of designing it and creating a menu — within a week. All for the chance of going into business with chef and restaurateur Raymond Blanc, who oversees the projects. The Restaurant premieres tomorrow on BBC Canada.

6 Vaseline Petroleum Jelly

Sure it's an oldie, but it's a goodie: This has to be the most versatile product available to mankind. It can be used as lip balm, make-up remover, moisturizer, foot treatment and burn soother. The price won't empty your wallet, either!

7 Pomegranates



This exotic fruit is loaded with vitamins C and B, potassium, fibre, folic acid and iron. Preliminary studies suggest pomegranates may contain nearly three times the antioxidants of green tea or red wine, and may play a role in the prevention of cancer and heart disease, readersdigest.ca reports.

... and what's not:

Christian Bale accused of assaulting his mother and sister



Less than a week after the colossal opening weekend of The Dark Knight, Christian Bale was arrested and released on bail on Tuesday after his 61-year-old mother and 40-year-old sister reportedly filed a complaint, accusing him of assault. The alleged incident is said to have taken place in London, England on Sunday, the day before the film's European premiere. Bale, who plays superhero Batman in The Dark Knight, denies the assault took place. While the allegations have not been proven, the arrest itself cast a shadow over the success of the film.

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BEARLY'S: Mike Doyle matinee on Saturday. Blues jam with Brad Conrad on Saturday. 1269 Barrington St.
BIG LEAGUES: The Beat of Halifax with Z103 on Friday. Under the Sun on Saturday. 4 Forest Hills.
BOOMERS LOUNGE: Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.
BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday, 10 p.m. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday, 10 p.m. 5287 Prince St.
CELTIC CORNER: Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.
CHEERS: Ten Mile House on Friday and Saturday. 1743 Grafton St.
COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.
DAVE DOLITTLES: Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.
THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.
DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.
ECONOMY SHOE SHOP: Gordon Tucker on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.
THE FIFE AND DRUM: Fortune's Hand on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.
FINBAR'S: David Bradshaw and Dan MacCormack on Friday and Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.
FOGGY GOGGLE: Amelia Curran and Ria Mae on Friday. 1667 Argyle St.
GINGER'S TAVERN: Katie Rox, Lesley Pike and Laura Merrimen on Saturday. 1662 Barrington St.
HALIFAX ALEHOUSE: The Metric System on Monday. Kapyr on Wednesday. 1717 Brunswick St.
THE HARBOURFRONT ROOM: Shaydid on Friday and Saturday. Casino Nova Scotia.
THE JOLLY MUG: Dance and sing on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.
LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.
LOWER DECK: Wreckhouse on Friday and Saturday. Historic Properties.
MARQUEE CLUB: Bionic, Cuban Assassins and Big Game Hunt on Saturday. 2037 Gottingen St.
MENZ BAR: DJ Needles and DJ Bear on Friday. Black and Blue all-male party on Saturday. Bo MacNeil on Sunday. 2182 Gottingen St.
MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL: Laurie the Guy on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. 6100 Young St.
MONTES: Ten Dollar Chicken on Friday and Saturday. Laurie the Guy on Tuesday. 245 Waverley Rd.
MY SON'S PLACE: Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB: Special Blend on Saturday. Newfie George on Sunday. 40 Wright Ave.
OAKMOUNT STATION: Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.
O'CARROLL'S: Treo on Friday and Saturday. David Dobson on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.
OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.
THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturday. 1721 Brunswick St.
PARKSIDE PUB: Wildside on Friday and Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.
THE PAVILLION: Holiday, Euphoria's Depression, Destroy Hope, and Chunk Audio on Wednesday. Halifax Common.
PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematix on Friday. Granville Mall.
POGUE FADO: Keith Andrews Republic on Friday and Saturday. 1581 Barrington St.
PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.
THE RED FOX: The Persuaders on Friday and Saturday. Bayers Road Village.
THE RED STAG: Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.
REFLECTIONS: Sonny D and JD Blackmore on Friday. Pride Night on Saturday. Pride drag show on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.
RODEO LOUNGE: Ryan Cook matinee on Friday. Cody Rose on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.
THE SEAHORSE: Glory Glory Man United, Dreamsplotion and The Upbeat on Saturday. Music Nova Scotia open mic with Christina Martin on Monday. 1659 Argyle St.
THE SHORE CLUB: Shameless on Saturday. 250 Shore Club Rd.
THE SPLIT CROW: Barnacle on Friday and Saturday. Roger Stone matinee on Friday. 1855 Granville St.
STAYNER'S WHARF: Kate Quinn on Friday. Flat Fifth on Saturday. Jeff Goodspeed and friends on Sunday. 5075 George St.
TRIBECA: Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. 1588 Granville St.
WINSTON'S: DJ Richie Rich on Friday. The Drive on Saturday. 278 Lacewood Dr.



Teresa Ennis will be among the performers taking part in OXFAM Music for All, which takes place at the Music Room this Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. Admission is $15 at the door.

galleries

ANNA LEONOWENS: Works by various artists. Through summer. 5163 Duke St.
ART 1274 HOLLIS: Works by local artist. 1274 Hollis St.
ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA: Contemporaries, Tom Forestall paintings, and Nova Scotia folk art exhibition. Various dates. 1723 Hollis St.
ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.
CORRIDOR GALLERY: Polar: VANS members exhibition. Through Aug. 29. 1113 Marginal Rd.
CRAIG GALLERY: Works by Wilma Butts. Through July 27. Alderney Landing.
DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY: Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Aug. 22 through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.
EYELEVEL GALLERY: Works by gallery members. Through July 27. 2063 Gottingen St.
FRED GALLERY: From New York to Nova Scotia, paintings by Lynda Diamond. Through Aug. 17. 2606 Agricola St.
HARBOURSIDE GALLERY: Una Casetta in Canada. Through Aug. 26. Asahi: Leveling the Playing Field. Through Sept. 2. Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Rd.
HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Cross-pollination, works by various artists. 5519 Young St.
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MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Works by Kyla Mallett. Through Aug. 10. 166 Bedford Hwy.
THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing the Artists of Creative Spirit East. Through Aug. 7. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.
QUEEN STREET STUDIOS: Work by Jeffery Baine. Through Aug. 26. 50 Queen St.
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Duet/Trio/Quartet by Andre Forster. Through Aug. 3. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.
SECORD GALLERY: Recent works by gallery artists. Through summer. 6301 Quinpool Rd.
SEEDS GALLERY: Works by various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.
STUDIO 21: Contemporary art by various artists. Through summer. 1223 Lower Water St.
VIETH STREET GALLERY: Outsider art by Creative Spirit East. Through Aug. 7. 3115 Veith St.
VIEWPOINT GALLERY: Remnants, works by Sandy Caines. Through Aug. 3. 1272 Barrington St.
ZWICKER'S GALLERY: Works by various regional artists. Through summer. 5415 Doyle St.
DISCOVERY CENTRE: 100 Years: A Countdown to Life. Through September. 1593 Barrington St.
MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC: Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Through Sept. 1675 Lower Water St.
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.
PIER 21: Various exhibits. 1055 Marginal Rd.

theatre

BIRRMINGHAM PORCH THEATRE COLLECTIVE: Every Exit, two plays and a monologue by Dan Bray. July 31 through Aug. 3. The Space. 2353 Agricola St. $8. Call 406-6262.
GRAFTON ST. DINNER THEATRE: Mairi's Best Friend's Wedding. Through Oct. 5. Call 425-1961 for reservations.
HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE: Cape Breton Idle III. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.
SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA: A Midsummer Night's Dream and Cinderelly. Through August. $15 suggested. Point Pleasant Park. Visit shakespearebythesea.ca.



East Coast Music Award-nominated band Air Traffic Control performs at The Seahorse on Friday night with The Coggs and Modern Citizen. Tickets are available at the door.

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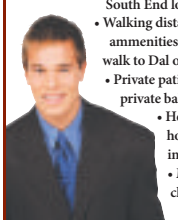
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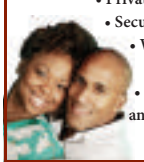


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Jackman's jacket for auction
A leather jacket worn by Hugh Jackman in the X-Men franchise is expected to fetch $20,000 US when it is sold at the latest Profiles in History auction on July 31 and Aug. 1 in California. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Miller sues over pics with married actor

PRIVACY Sienna Miller is striking back against two British newspapers and a photo agency for publishing shots of her cavorting with married actor Balthazar Getty off the Amalfi coast, People.com reports.

The actress accuses them of breach of privacy and has filed suit in London's High Court, her legal representatives said.

Miller and the law firm of Carter-Ruck are taking aim at the photo agency Big Pictures and News International, which publishes the News of the World and Sun newspapers, which ran a series of stories and (scantily clad) pictures of Miller on vacation with the Brothers and Sisters star.

Getty, 33, recently announced his separation from wife Rosetta, mother of his four children.

In December, Miller, 26, won a judgment of about $75,000 US against The Sun and The News of the World for publishing "highly intrusive" photos of her while she was filming a nude scene for the movie Hippie Hippie Shake.

It's believed to be the largest fine ever levied for a photographic invasion of privacy in the U.K.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Hawke a daddy again

THAT'S THREE Ethan Hawke is a father for the third time, People.com reports.

The actor and author's wife, Ryan Shawhughes, gave birth to Clementine Jane Hawke last week in New York City.

"They are thrilled," Hawke's rep, Mara Buxbaum, said when news of the pregnancy was first announced.

"I expect that they should be very good parents," a family member said.

"They both love children, and they love each other ... I know they are thrilled."

Hawke, 37, and Shawhughes — former nanny to Hawke's son and daughter with Uma Thurman — married in June in a small ceremony in New York City.

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Affleck's mom drops baby news

BABY NEWS Ben Affleck's mother has become the latest person to let slip about her daughter-in-law Jennifer Garner's baby news, reportedly confirming Hollywood's worst-kept secret at a family wedding, imdb.com reports.

When her actor son and his wife failed to make it to the Cape Cod nuptials recently, Chris Affleck told guests that Garner "wasn't up for the trip."

When guests pressed her for more information, Chris left them with no doubt.

"She put her hands on her tummy, patted it gently and gave a huge smile," a witness Life + Style magazine.

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McCready gets treatment

REHAB After a trip to the emergency room in Tennessee, country singer Mindy McCready entered rehab for undisclosed reasons, People.com reports. "Mindy McCready did receive emergency care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center," says her rep.

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Playboy for Brooke Hogan?

PICS Brooke Hogan has been approached to pose nude for Playboy, her publicist told the New York Daily News — and she hasn't said no.

"No decision has been made at this time," her rep said.

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A reluctant Fox

SEX SYMBOL Megan Fox apparently hates her position as the Sexiest Woman In The World — insisting the title "annoys" her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Transformers actress was voted the top babe in FHM magazine's annual list of lovelies earlier this year.

But Fox isn't keen to promote herself as a screen siren, and hates getting raunchy on set after her "awkward" love scenes in upcoming movie Jennifer's Body.

"I'm not comfortable with it (FHM Sexiest Woman) at all," she said. "It annoys me. I have a few love scenes (in Jennifer's Body).

"I eat and seduce everyone — boys and girls. There's a lot of kissing and craziness.

"It was awkward — it's always awkward and it's never fun."

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celebrity briefs

Williams just Jonze's for kiss

ROMANCE Michelle Williams has sparked rumours of a new romance with filmmaker Spike Jonze, imdb.com reports.

She's been repeatedly spotted with Jonze near his Manhattan apartment. An onlooker tells Star magazine, "Michelle kissed Spike with a closed mouth on the corner of his lips." METRO NEWS SERVICES



Driver flies solo

PARENTING Minnie Driver says women don't need men to have children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who is eight months pregnant and has refused to publicly identify the baby's father, will raise her child alone.

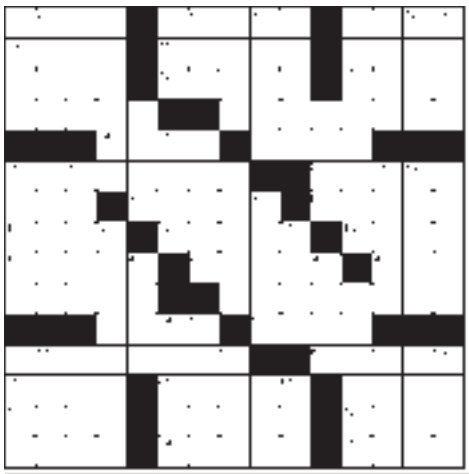
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Guests on Grey's
The two-hour season premiere of Grey's Anatomy on Sept. 25 will guest star Bernadette Peters, Mariette Hartley and Kathy Baker as friends who each require the hospital's care. TVGUIDE.COM

Take Five



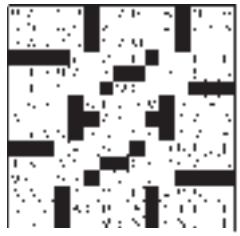
Crossword down

1 Storybook bear
2 Face shape
3 Only
4 Pep
5 Fleetwood —
6 Lemon cooler
7 Think over
8 Relieve
9 Basalt or gneiss
10 Uproar
11 Tiny speck
12 Stick
13 To be, to Brutus
21 Waiter's checks
23 Hoedown honeys
25 Weakens gradually
26 Trouser feature
28 Peace treaties
29 Spring blossom
30 Bakery lure
31 Repair-bill item
33 Egypt's Anwar —
34 PC message (hyph.)
35 Card game
38 Fight off
41 Jeering
43 Risque
46 Adroit
48 Zilch
52 Comstock Lode state
54 Have a premonition
55 Port near Kyoto
57 Scraps of cloth
58 Nobel Prize city
59 Two fives for — —
60 Wedding-cake part
62 They often clash
63 Dry toast
64 Jeans go-withs
67 Monsieur's wine
68 Annapolis grad

Crossword across

1 Do some modeling
5 Half the parents
10 Quick snack
14 Cosmetics brand
15 Fully grown
16 Garden plantings
17 Pastel
18 Orchestra member
19 Cornelia — Skinner
20 Storm warning
22 Communications tool
24 Pant
27 Uh-huh
28 Cooperate (2 wds.)
32 Hologram maker
36 Oxygen source
37 Asparagus piece
39 Famed orca
40 Clump of dirt
42 — -toothed tiger
44 Ponderosa son
45 No longer wild
47 Gold-orange gem
49 Purpose
50 False alarm
51 Just now
53 In that case (2 wds.)
56 Early harp
57 License need (2 wds.)
61 Plain as day
65 — spumante
66 Gullible
69 Winter woe
70 Campbell of country music
71 Flock of geese
72 Rx directive
73 Ditty
74 Has a job
75 Questions

previous day's answer



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by Terry Stickels

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1. RACED
2. MITES
3. ENTRAIL

Yesterday's Answer

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	6	5	7	3	8	2	4	9
8	3	2	9	1	4	7	5	6
9	4	7	6	2	5	1	3	8
4	9	6	3	5	2	8	7	1
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2	7	8	1	4	6	5	9	3
3	8	9	5	7	1	6	2	4
6	5	4	2	8	9	3	1	7
7	2	1	4	6	3	9	8	5

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart
21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

This day in history

JULY 25, 1755: The decision to deport the Acadians takes place in Halifax. Thousands of Acadians are sent to the British Colonies in America, France and England. Some later moved to Louisiana, while others later resettled in New Brunswick.
JULY 25, 1837: The first commercial use of an electric telegraph was successfully demonstrated by William Cooke and Charles Wheatstone on 25 July between Euston and Camden Town in London.
JULY 25, 1917: Sir Thomas Whyte introduces the first income tax in Canada as a "temporary" measure (lowest bracket is 4 per cent and highest is 25 per cent).

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Horoscopes

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
When you feel sorry for a loved one, chart a new course. An unexpected person has good times in mind. Criticism will cause distress.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A macho guy will talk about love. You must correct a dicey situation. Awareness will put you ahead of the game.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A friend offers an unproductive analysis. Old responses won't work in a new situation. Your beliefs will be disputed by an imbecile.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A brave friend steps in to offer protection. A divine idea comes like a bolt from the blue. You'll amaze yourself by speaking the truth.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Shake up the status quo before boredom sets in. A discussion will become animated. Someone may unwittingly hurt your pride.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You won't know what you have until it's gone. A coward will shock everyone. A spiritual man will cause a bit of grumbling.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't seek reason when an intuitive flash strikes. Waste no time complaining about criticism. A woman will heed your call.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
Make better points with good humour. A chatty person will get funny. This is the right time to heal old wounds.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
Attention is being paid to a maternal person. A loving man prepares for a change. A snit puts a damper on a celebration.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone will demand that you open your mind. Damaged goods have a sordid tale to tell. An opportunist will give up hope.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Send a love letter. Do something that goes against your nature. Don't debate about flattery unless you want trouble.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
You'll find a lost object after sunset. A situation will be held in suspended animation. Make no comment about a friend's behaviour.

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Halifax weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
70%	90%	90%		
Showers. 24°	Showers. 17°	Rain. 23°/ 17°	Variable. 24°/ 17°	Cloudy. 24°/ 16°

Temperature
Normals
High: 22.2°
Low: 13.7°

Records
High: 31.2°/2001
Low: 10.4°/2002

Sunrise: 5:53 a.m.
Sunset: 8:47 p.m.
Moonset: 2:02 p.m.
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